

# Fania language

**Fania** (Fagnan; also called **Kulaale**) is an Adamawa language of Chad. The northern and southern dialects are rather divergent.

## Names

*Fania* is an exonym. Speakers refer to their own language as *Kulaale*, their people as *Kulaaway*, and one person as *Kulaanu*.<sup>[3]</sup>

Names listed in Boyeldieu, et al. (2018:56):<sup>[4]</sup>

- Autonym in Khalil Alio: Ema [ɛma] / pl. Eiwɛ [ɛɪwɛ]
- Autonym in Tilé Nougār: Kulaanum [kòláː nóm] / pl. Kulaaway [kòláː wèy]
- Glossonym: Kulaale [kòláː lè] / pl. Kulaaru [kòláː ʀò]

## Villages

*Ethnologue* (22nd ed.) lists Karo, Malakonjo, Rim, Sengué, and Sisi villages (Mouraye area north of Sarh) as Fania locations. Lionnet also lists the village of Tili Nugar (Tilé Nougār).

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Fania	
<i>Kulaale</i>	
Native to	Chad
Native speakers	1,100 (1997) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mbum–Day<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bua<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Fania</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	fni
Glottolog	fani1244 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/fani1244">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/fani1244</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

Person	Kulaanu
People	Kulaaway
Language	Kulaale

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